

How Enfield assesses a housing applicant's priority

This section sets out how the priority of applicants for different types of homes will be assessed.

There are three different systems for prioritising applicants, one of which will be applied depending on which Group the housing applicant has been placed in.

- For applicants in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 who are applying for general needs social rented homes see the definition in the section ([see pages 24 to 27](#)) **Applicants in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4**, a points and date order system is used to assess priority.
- For applicants in Group 5, priority for housing is informed first by a health and well-being assessment carried out by the Council's Housing Options and Advice Team and then an assessment carried out by an Occupational Therapist³.
- For applicants in Group 6, housing and support needs are assessed to decide priority. The system for this is set out in the section on **Applicants in Group 6 seeking a home for older people**.

Applicants in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 who are seeking a general needs social rented home

Applicants in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be given a base number of points. Where applicants are given a base number of points, the base number can be increased for reasons which are set out in the section on **Increasing Base Points** ([See page 43](#)).

Because of the severe shortage of social rented housing in the borough, Enfield Council cannot help everyone who would like to move into a social rented home. As a result Enfield Council has selected a limited list of housing circumstances which the Council considers most in need of assistance or will assist with Enfield's priorities and objectives for social rented housing in the borough. Enfield's priorities and objectives for social rented housing in the borough are set out in its draft Statutory Tenancy Strategy.

The housing circumstances of housing applications which will be given points to assess their housing need are set out below. The list also shows the base number of points these applications will receive:

³ An occupational therapist works with people of all ages to help them deal with the effects of disability caused by physical or psychological illness, ageing or accident. In the housing field, they make recommendations on what type of home and what type of adaptations to a home would be suitable for people who have a disability.